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THE REMINDER

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Message from the Pastor's Desk

Sure and Simple!

I am excited about my text for this Sunday's message! If there has ever been a time that America, and our world, needs hope, it is today. We are not drifting into hopelessness. We are falling into it headfirst. America has gone as far as it can go without God. Our system of government depends on an electorate that is moral and responsible. We are hearing politicians making promises that we know they cannot keep with our country maintaining its independence. Far more than we need Biden or Trump, we need Jesus Christ. And, He is available!

Listen to this text...Isaiah 45.22, "Turn to Me, and be saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other" (NASB).

Isaiah was living in a time when the Southern Kingdom of Judah was at a crossroads. It was an unprecedented time of growth in the country. King Uzziah had led the country to the pinnacle of success. Things were good, but there was a dark cloud on the horizon. The Northern Kingdom of Israel had fallen. Assyria, who had destroyed the Northern Kingdom was threatening Judah. If that were not enough, Babylon was on the horizon as the next world power. Uzziah was dead. To add to the insecurity, Judah was falling away from God at warp speed. Sounds familiar, does it not?

The prophet Isaiah comes upon the scene with great hope for Judah and the world. He points his country and world to the sovereignty of God and the possibility of hope through Him. His message of hope is in the sovereignty of God. In a pluralistic world, Isaiah preached ONE GOD. God is sovereign. He reins overall. And, HE is willing to save. Salvation is simple. All

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that Judah had to do was TURN to God. And, the whole world could TURN to HIM and be saved too. Oh, what great hope. This hope could not be gained by a birth of a king or an election of a President. It could only come by the birth, death and resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

Hope will come to you, me and our nation and world through TURNING to Christ. As the hymn says, Our hope in nothing less than Jesus blood and righteousness. See you Sunday as we look at this great text.

Good day, church family. I hope you are all safe and well.

I am coming to you to ask that you pray about our going back inside to worship. God has greatly blessed our outside worship. His Holy Spirit has moved in the singing and in the messages. Our giving has held steady and we thank you and God for that.

As good as our outside services have been—with the coming of cold weather, we see no other way to effectively worship but to go back inside. We feel between the sanctuary and Family Life Center we can offer you a safe environment in which to worship. We feel it will be safer than going to the grocery store, big box stores, service station or out to eat.

We would ask that masks be worn at all times and we observe social distancing. You would be assisted in entering and exiting to help cut down on groups gathering.

We also do not see any other way to do this after it starts to turn cold. It would be a lot to ask all the folks involved in the service now to sit or stay outside.

Please be in prayer for this and understand our main priority is to keep you safe while we worship our Lord. We will also continue on Facebook Life.

Thank you,

Rick Foster, Deacon Chair

September 13 **Deacon:** Grady Shore

September 20 **Deacon:** James Brooks

August 30 No SS—virus Offering \$4,273.00 Building Fund \$ 765.00

September 6 No SS—virus Offering \$4,820.85 Building Fund \$ 846.00

Weekly Average Budget Receipts—January 1 thru March 15, 2020 \$4,477.45

Weekly Average Budget Receipts—March 16 thru September 6, 2020 \$4,760.10

Weekly Average Building Fund Receipts—January 1 thru March 15, 2020 \$1,148.91

Weekly Average Building Fund Receipts—March 16 thru September 6, 2020 \$1,367.76

We Had a Really “Mean” Mom

While other kids ate candy for breakfast, we had to have cereal, eggs and toast.

When others had a Pepsi and a Twinkie for lunch, we had to eat sandwiches. And you can guess our mother fixed us a dinner that was different from what other kids had, too.

Mother insisted on knowing where we were at all times. You’d think we were convicts in a prison. She had to know who our friends were, and what we were doing with them. She insisted that if we said we would be gone for an hour, we would be gone for an hour or less.

We were ashamed to admit, but she had the nerve to break the Child Labor Laws by making us work. We had to wash the dishes, make the beds, learn to cook, vacuum the floor, do laundry, and all sorts of cruel jobs. I think she would lie awake at night thinking of more things for us to do.

She also insisted on us telling the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth. By the time we were teenagers, she could read our minds.

Then, life was really tough. Mother wouldn’t let our friends just honk the horn when they drove up. They had to come up to the door so she could meet them.

While everyone else could date when they were 12 or 13, we had to wait until we were 16.

Because of our mother we missed out on lots of things other kids experienced. None of us have ever been caught shoplifting, vandalizing other’s property, or ever arrested for any crime. It was all her fault.

Now that we have left home, we are all God-fearing, educated, honest adults. We are doing our best to be mean parents just like Mom was.

I think that’s what’s wrong with the world today. It just doesn’t have mean moms anymore.

Mike Doyle

Copied from a Facebook post

Do you Pray?

I love this interpretation of a Prayer.

What is a prayer? Prayer doesn't only happen when we kneel or put our hands together and focus and expect things from God. Thinking positive and wishing good for others is a prayer. When you hug a friend. That's a prayer. When you cook something to nourish family and friends. That's a prayer.

When we send off our near and dear ones and say, 'drive safely' or 'be safe'. That's a prayer. When you are helping someone in need by giving your time and energy. You are praying. When you forgive someone, that is prayer. Prayer is a vibration. A feeling. A thought. Prayer is the voice of love, friendship, genuine relationships.

Prayer is an expression of your silent being. Keep praying always...